

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): Yasuhiro MATSUNUMA

Title AUDIO DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND AUDIO
DATA DISTRIBUTING APPARATUS

Atty. Dkt.: P 0305305 | H7958US
M# Client Ref

including:

Date: July 29, 2003

1. Specification: 40 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 14 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 17 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 6 or 7). (Prior M# _____ SN _____)
6. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

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| No. | / | filed | _____ |
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| No. | / | filed | _____ |
| No. PCT | / | filed | _____, which |

designated the US.

7. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)

8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

9. ☒ Assignee Yamaha Corporation

Address 10-1, Nakazawa-cho, Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka-ken, Japan

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan

11. _____ (country)

| Application No. | Filing Date | Application No. | Filing Date |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| (1) 2002-225102 | August 1, 2002 | (2) 2002-282977 | September 27, 2002 |
| (3) 2002-286843 | September 30, 2002 | (4) | |
| (5) | | (6) | |
| (7) | | (8) | |
| (9) | | <input type="checkbox"/> See 3 rd page for additional priorities | |

12. 3 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. / filed on _____

13. Small entity status → ☒ is **not** claimed; ☐ is claimed (**Pre-filing confirmation required**)

- 13(a). ☐ Attached: _____ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)

- 13(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

| | | | | Large/Small Entity | | Fee Code |
|---|----|------------|----|--------------------|--------|----------|
| 18. Basic Filing Fee | | | | \$750/\$375 | \$750 | 101/201 |
| 19. Total Effective Claims | 14 | minus 20 = | *0 | x \$18/\$9 = | + 0 | 103/203 |
| 20. Independent Claims | 9 | minus 3 = | *6 | x \$84/\$42 = | + 504 | 102/202 |
| *If answer is zero or less, enter "0" | | | | | | |
| 21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application) | | | | + \$280/\$140 | + 0 | 104/204 |
| 22. TOTAL FILING FEE = | | | | | \$1254 | |
| 23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee | | | | + \$130 | + 0 | 139 |
| 24. If "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee | | | | + \$40 | + 40 | 581 |
| 25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No. | | | | + \$130 | + 0 | 122 |
| 26. TOTAL FEE = | | | | | \$1294 | |

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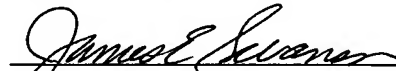
I hereby certify that

- ☒ Letter of transmittal
- ☒ Patent application (40 pages of specification; 14 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1254.00 to cover the filing fee
- ☒ 17 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ A Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention with cover sheet and \$40.00 recordation fee
- ☒ Certified copy of (3) Japanese patent applications from which priority is claimed
- ☒ Return postcard

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